

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR IMPROVEMENT OF I-35 IN WARREN AND POLK COUNTIES AND NOTICE TO ACQUIRE PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR SAID PROJECT**

## **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

- Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that a Public Information Meeting will be held on December 15, between 5 and 7 p.m., at Egnacio's, 224 North 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Cumming Iowa, to discuss the proposed bridge replacements on I-35 over North River and Badger Creek, and reconstruction of I-35 from 1.6 miles South of County Road G-14 (Cumming exit) north to IA 5 including reconstruction of Warren County Road G-14 interchange

The proposed improvement would include:

- Bridge replacement on I-35 over North River 3.8 miles north of IA 92
- Bridge replacement on I-35 over Badger Creek 3.8 miles south of Polk County Line
- Reconstruction of I-35 from 1.6 miles South of Warren County Road G-14 (Cumming exit) north to IA 5 including reconstruction of Warren County Road G-14 interchange

This public meeting will be conducted utilizing an open forum format. No formal presentation will be made. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend the meeting anytime between 5 and 7 p.m. to express their views about the proposed improvement. Oral and written statements will be accepted at the public meeting.

For general information regarding the proposed improvement, or the public meeting, contact Jim Armstrong, District 5 Engineer, 307 W. Briggs, P.O. Box 587, Fairfield, IA 52556, telephone 800-766-4368 or 641-472-4171, or by email [james.armstrong@dot.iowa.gov](mailto:james.armstrong@dot.iowa.gov).

Written statements and related exhibits, in place of or in addition to oral statements made at the public meeting, will be accepted at the meeting or may be submitted to the Office of Location and Environment, Iowa DOT, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa, 50010 or via the public meetings website at [www.iowadot.gov/pim](http://www.iowadot.gov/pim).

All persons interested in the project are invited to attend this meeting. The meeting room is accessible for persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations at the meeting, please notify Mr. Armstrong by December 6, so arrangements can be made.

## **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS**

A governmental body which proposes to acquire property under the power of eminent domain for a public improvement project is required to give notice of a public hearing to all owners and contract purchasers of record of agricultural land that may be subject to condemnation.

### **1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) will consider approving the following described project:

- Bridge replacement on I-35 over North River 3.8 miles north of IA 92

- Bridge replacement on I-35 over Badger Creek 3.8 miles south of Polk County Line
  - Reconstruction of I-35 from 1.6 miles south of Warren County Road G-14 (Cumming exit) north to IA 5 including reconstruction of Warren County Road G-14 interchange
2. PRIVATE PROPERTY MAY BE ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION.  
If the Iowa DOT approves the above-described project, the Iowa DOT will be required to acquire property for the proposed improvements. The Iowa DOT will attempt to purchase the required property by good faith negotiations; however, it may condemn those properties, which it is unable to purchase. The proposed location of the above-described public improvement is shown on preliminary plans for the project. Preliminary plans are available from the Office of Right of Way, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010.
  3. IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROCESS TO DECIDE TO FUND THE DESIGN, TO SELECT THE ROUTE OR SITE LOCATION, OR TO ACQUIRE OR CONDEMN PROPERTY INTERESTS.

In order to acquire the necessary properties and property interests required for the project, the Iowa Department of Transportation is required to approve the location of the project. The Iowa DOT will hold a public hearing to present to the public the proposed improvement and the anticipated impacts of the improvement.

Persons whose property may be affected by the project, as well as the general public, may comment on the project at the hearing. The comments will be presented to Iowa DOT staff. Based in part on the information received at the hearing, the Iowa DOT will select the location for the project and decide whether to fund the site-specific design and to authorize by purchase or condemnation the acquisition of right of way for the project.

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT.  
As previously stated in this notice, a Public Meeting will be held on December 15 between 5 and 7 p.m. at Egnacio's, 224 North 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Cumming Iowa. Iowa DOT staff will be available to answer questions about the proposed improvement. Written statements can be submitted to the Iowa DOT at the hearing, or sent to Office of Location and Environment, Iowa DOT, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010 or via the public meetings website at [www.iowadot.gov/pim](http://www.iowadot.gov/pim).
5. IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTACT.  
For information regarding the proposed improvement contact:

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